

DAVID ALLEN COOK

Education

California State University, Humanities, M.A. 2005

Michigan State University, Social Science and Political Science (double major), B.A. 1986

Professional Experience

The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH), Huntsville, Alabama

Office of Academic Affairs/Honors College

Director of Undergraduate Research, August 2018 – Present

- Leads the directive to create a culture of undergraduate research and innovation through design, implementation and oversight of research programs, dissemination events, and initiatives to integrate undergraduate research into the curriculum to increase student participation and interaction with faculty and research staff, with the goal of boosting recruitment, retention, and graduation rates.
- Is the main point-of-contact and spokesperson for matters regarding undergraduate research. Organizes information, develops tools, workshops/presentations and provides advising to promote undergraduate research and its benefits, in addition to creating ready access to information on undergraduate research through newsletters, social and print media, publicity events and web content.
- Designs, creates and organizes assessment of individual programs, as well as the aggregate activities of undergraduate research and its impact on students, faculty, the curriculum and the institution.
- Leads the drive for diversity and inclusion in students participating in undergraduate research, and initiates and oversees ways to promote undergraduate research to a wider audience through outreach including K-12, and particularly underrepresented groups and institutions.
- Provides leadership, vision, direction and results, in increasing and expanding undergraduate research opportunities through the home institution, by writing grants, and seeking partnerships between higher education institutions, with businesses, non-profits, and government organizations.
- Collaborates closely with the Honors Dean to oversee all research programs and research grants sponsored within the Honors College, advises Honors students and provide capstone/thesis supervision.

The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH), Huntsville, Alabama

Office of Academic Affairs/Honors College

Coordinator of Student Research, August 2011 – 2018

The University of Alabama in Huntsville, Huntsville, Alabama

Office of International Programs and Services

Program Assistant, 2009 – 2011

- Provided broad support of international students at the University of Alabama in Huntsville
- Coordinated and facilitated funded grant programs to bring international students and professionals to UAH to study and attend training programs
- Designed and implemented logistical organization and support of Chinese exchange program between UAH, Hohai University and Tsinghua University

National Collegiate Network

University of North Alabama, Florence, AL, December 2005 – December 2007

The University of Alabama in Huntsville, Huntsville, AL, January 2007 – March 2009

Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL, June 2008 – March 2009

Student Advisor

- Oversaw all aspects of academic, extracurricular and career advising for more than 80 Japanese university students at three universities in North Alabama
- Established and maintained cooperative relationships with host university faculty and staff
- Planned and implemented all orientations and seminars, including the summer new-arrival program
- Created and maintained orientation schedules and budgets

Professional Organizations

Council of Undergraduate Research, January 2012 – Present

International Astronautical Federation, October 2011 – Present

- UAH representative of the IAF General Assembly (2014 – Present)
- Member of the Space Education and Outreach Committee, and the Space Universities Advisory Committee (2011 – Present)
- Co-chair and Rapporteur for technical sessions of the Space Education Outreach Symposium of the International Astronautical Congresses (2012 – Present)

Presentations/Publications

2018

“Prioritizing Academic Inquiry in the First-Year Experience: Information Literacy and Writing Studies in Collaboration.” Veach, Grace, editor. *Teaching Information Literacy and Writing Studies: Volume 1, First-Year Composition Courses*. Purdue University Press, 2018. A. Frost, L. Marschalk, D. Cook, M. Manasco, G. Hubbell.

2014

“Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Latin America: Reflections from an Undergraduate Research Abroad Program in Panama.” Paper presented at the 65th International Astronautical Congress, Toronto, Canada, 2014. R. Griffin, D. Cook, O. Jordan, Z. Danon, C. DeLeon, C. Tedman, E. Anderson, T. Sever, S. Christopher.

2012

“Analyzing Strategies and Outcomes Delivered Through Undergraduate International Research Programs at The University of Alabama in Huntsville.” Poster presentation at the 14th Council of Undergraduate Research Conference, The College of New Jersey, 2012.

“Analyzing the Impact and Benefits of Undergraduate and Graduate Student Research at the International Astronautical Congress: The IAC as a Tool for Developing the Future Global Workforce.” Paper presented the 63rd International Astronautical Congress, Naples, Italy, 2012. C. Morgan, D. Cook.

Committee/Extracurricular Activities

- UAH Dave McGlathery Scholarship Fund Committee (2020)
- UAH SSAFE Fund Committee (2019 – Present)
- UAH Student Conduct Board (2019)
- Director, UAH 2017 Great American Solar Eclipse Project (2017)
- UAH Student Reimbursement Committee (2017)
- UAH Council of Directors (2016 – Present)
- UAH Honors First Year Curriculum Planning Committee (2016 – Present)
- Chair, UAH Educational Outreach and Engagement Workgroup (2015 – 2017)
- UAH Staff Senator (2015 – 2017)
- UAH Honors Council (2015 – Present)
- UAH Honors Travel Award and Mini-Grants Review Committee (2015 – Present)
- UAH Study Abroad Task Force (2014)
- International Astronautical Federation: Delegate to the General Assembly, Education and Outreach, and Space Universities Administrative Committees (2011 – Present)
- Co-chair, UAH Von Braun Memorial Symposium Student Poster Competition Committee (2011 – Present)